

STATE TREASURER FRANK G. HARRIS JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT WILLIAM P. POTTER ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE J. W. CARPENTER

Republican Candidates.

CONTROLLER EDWARD A. JONES CORONER DR. J. J. ROBERTS SURVEYOR GEORGE E. STEVENSON

TUESDAY'S ELECTION

Tuesday next the voters of Pennsylvania will be called upon to elect a state treasurer and judge of the Supreme court, and to pass upon certain proposed amendments to the constitution of the state; and in Lackawanna county besides participating in the voting for the above, we will elect an additional law judge, a county controller, a county coroner and a county surveyor.

All the offices to be filled are of great importance and for them the Republican party presents candidates of unrivalled excellence. They are: State treasurer, Hon. Frank G. Harris; Supreme court, Justice William P. Potter; additional law judge, Judge J. W. Carpenter; controller, Edward A. Jones; coroner, Dr. J. J. Roberts; surveyor, George E. Stevenson. All are men who have been tried in public office and found worthy servants of the people. They deserve your vote Tuesday. The proposed amendments to the constitution are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Shall Section 1, Article VIII of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows?

Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

- 1. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. 2. He shall have resided in the state one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the state, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months), immediately preceding the election. 3. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election. 4. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least one month before the election.

AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Shall Section 7, Article VIII of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows?

All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of electors shall be uniform throughout the state, but laws regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only; provided, That such laws be uniform for cities of the same class.

AMENDMENT NO. 3.

Shall Section 4, Article VIII, of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows?

All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law; provided, That secrecy in voting be preserved.

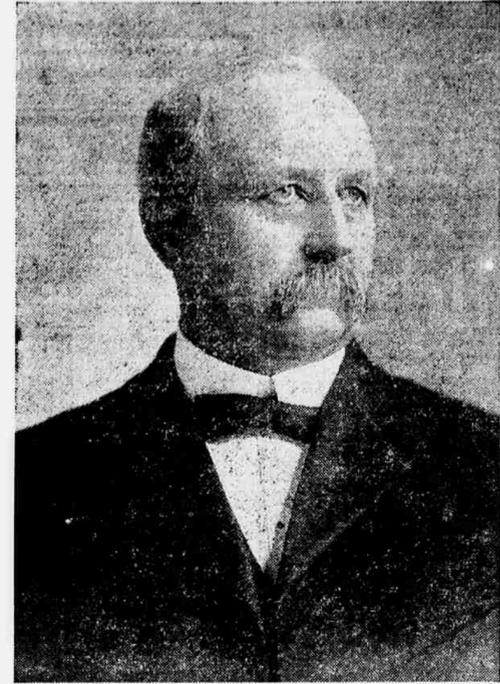
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Candidate for Additional Law Judge of Lackawanna County.

Few men are gifted with the true judicial mind and temperament and therefore the scales of justice are not always held with an even, steady hand. When a community finds a man who has been marked by nature with all the attributes of a true judge it ought to cherish him. Such a man has this community found in Judge J. W. Carpenter who was appointed by Governor W. A. Stone to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge R. W. Archbald. When Judge Archbald left the bench of the local court to take a seat on the federal bench the judicial qualities of Attorney J. W. Carpenter at once attracted attention and Governor Stone was urged to appoint him. One of the strongest petitions received by the governor came from Mr. Carpenter's fellow members of the Lackawanna bar; the men with whom he associated and practiced during the quarter of a century he has been at the local bar. This petition which had such great weight with Governor Stone was signed by the following:

- HON. E. N. WILLARD, HON. H. A. KNAPP, HON. W. W. WATSON, HON. M. E. McDONALD, HON. F. W. FLEITZ, HON. M. F. SANDO, COLONEL GEORGE SANDERSON, MAJOR EVERETT WARREN, CHARLES H. WELLES, W. W. LATHROP, WILLIAM J. HAND, JAMES H. TORREY, WILLIAM H. JESSUP, JR., E. C. NEWCOMB, CHARLES DU P. BRICK, ARON V. BOWEN, CLARENCE BALENTINE, M. F. CONRY, C. C. DONOVAN, LEWIS B. CARTER, W. E. GUNSTER, W. W. STOKES, W. DIEHL, H. B. REYNOLDS, J. L. KEMMERER, Y. E. SULLIVAN, RUEL U. CAPWELL, FRANK E. DONNELLY, F. A. LYNCH, GEORGE H. RICE, ROBERT PECK, JAMES J. O'MALLEY, H. L. TAYLOR, GEORGE M. OKELL, WILLIAM M. KEWIS, M. J. RUDDY, J. M. WALKER, S. H. KINGSBURY.

WALTER S. BEVAN, R. LEWIS GRAMBS, PALMER M. WILLIAMS, WALTER BRIGGS, FRED E. BEERS, WILLIAM E. BOYLE, JAMES E. BURR, H. C. BUTLER, H. A. VAN DUSEN, JOHN G. MEASKIE.



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scribed course of study there he went to the Mansfield State Normal school, where he showed the natural aptitude for acquiring knowledge which marked him among the students of the township schools. After completing his studies at the normal he began teaching school, employing his leisure hours in the study of law. To a man of his temperament



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and quality of mind, the acquisition of a true knowledge of the law was not difficult. The great fundamental truths of the law sprang naturally in his evenly-poised mind. A quarter of a century ago he was admitted to the bar and removed to this city where he has lived ever since. Modest and unassuming although a stalwart Republican, ready and willing to assist in carrying out the policies of that party and electing its tickets, he was never identified with any faction nor was he a candidate for any office. His studious and industrious habits gained for him the respect of all his professional and personal associates and caused them to recognize in him an authority on fundamental and statutory law. The bench as well as the bar have thought so highly of Judge Carpenter's ability and impartiality, that for a number of years, he has been appointed referee and arbitrator in cases involving complicated legal questions. The younger members of the bar always found in him a friend ready to advise them in questions of doubt, and his many acts of kindness of this nature have made him greatly beloved by them. Born to parents of humble position Judge Carpenter's affiliations and sym-

candidate for re-election, many of Judge Carpenter's friends in the Republican party were anxious for him to become a candidate against Judge Gunster, but the friendship that had always existed between Judge Gunster and himself was so strong that he refused to listen to their pleadings and he declined. In 1900 when the death of Judge Gunster made a vacancy in the court, Judge Carpenter was a candidate for the appointment to succeed him, but acquiesced gracefully and cheerfully in the judgment of the bar in the selection of Hon. John P. Kelly. Upon the creation of the new Federal District and the appointment of Judge Archbald to that court, the leading members of the Bar of Lackawanna county, without regard to party affiliations, united in the petition to Governor Stone, asking for the appointment of Attorney J. W. Carpenter. The high standing of the ninety-seven gentlemen who signed that petition was such that Governor Stone could not afford to ignore their recommendation and he raised him from the advocate at the bar to the judge on the bench. Never was a better appointment made by Governor Stone.

Such in brief is the history of the able, modest man whom the Republicans of Lackawanna county present as their candidate for Judge. With a record that is spotless and special qualifications for the judgeship such as are possessed by few men, Judge Carpenter deserves the vote of every man who is interested in maintaining the high standard of the judiciary of Lackawanna county. The voters run no risk of making a mistake in selecting Judge Carpenter. He is one who has been tried and he has demonstrated to every thinking man in the county that he ought to be kept in the position he fills with such distinguished ability.

Following are expressions of opinion concerning Judge Carpenter from members of the Lackawanna bar: Ex-Judge W. H. Jessup—So far as my experience in practicing before Judge Carpenter goes, I can testify freely and unreservedly to his being a good judge. He has a judicial mind, straightforward in his actions, and does not hesitate to take up any responsibility that confronts him. He possesses exceptional qualities for the position he is occupying. I was not much acquainted with him before his elevation to the bench, but I have had opportunity of observing him closely. I have come to be well pleased with the manner he conducts the business of the courts, and with the capacity and ability he has displayed.

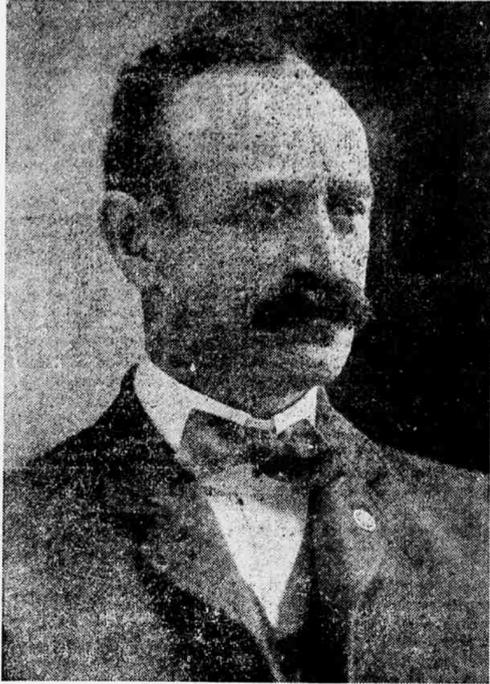
Ex-Judge Henry A. Knapp—From what I know of Judge Carpenter's ability as a lawyer, and from what I have seen of his conduct since he has taken his seat on the bench, I have no doubt, if elected, he will make an able, upright and conscientious judge, and one who will give satisfaction to his constituents. W. S. Diehl—Judge Carpenter should be elected because he is eminently fitted for the position and in every way entitled to it. He is an honest, capable man, a learned judge and possessed of every qualification essential to the bench. He is a man whom I consider to be a first in all the word implies. One of his qualities marked and admired by the attorneys who have practiced before him is his patience in listening to an argument without subjecting it to interruptions. This, any lawyer will tell you, is highly important to the lawyer and his client. I can see no reason why a Republican would hesitate to vote for Judge Carpenter. He is filling a position belonging to the bench and should be continued in it. A Democrat was placed in the position vacated by the late lamented Judge Gunster. The same rule of equity and ethics should be applied in Judge Carpenter's case as was applied in the case of Judge Kelly.

District Attorney W. R. Lewis—Judge Carpenter should be elected because he is a capable and honest judge and in every way fitted for the position and he should not be defeated because there is no good reason why the Democrats should have a majority of the bench in a Republican county. Charles H. Welles—Judge Carpenter is a good straightforward man, a capable judge and free from alliances that might detract from his ability to be impartial. City Solicitor George M. Watson—I am satisfied that Judge Carpenter is one of the best equipped men that has ever been a candidate for the judgeship in this county. He has been tried and not found wanting. He discharged every duty faithfully and bravely. As a Republican he is entitled to the support of every Republican voter in the county, and if he receives that he will be elected by an overwhelming majority. A year ago the people said the minority should have a representative on the bench. Do the Democrats now expect the people will say that the minority should have a majority of the bench? Assistant City Solicitor D. J. Davis—The majority of the voters of this county are Republican and Judge Carpenter is entitled to their votes. He has proved himself eminently qualified to be judge.

Assistant District Attorney W. Gaylord Thomas—I cannot see any reason why a change should be made in the present excellent bench of Lackawanna county. Judge Carpenter is a thoroughly competent, clear-headed lawyer and certainly proven to be of the timber from which good judges are made. From the time of his admission to the bar he has been a close, diligent student and a hard worker. One thing that especially commends him for the judgeship is his fairness. He is one who will treat all men alike. As we all know, Judge Kelly was elected with the help of a great many Republican votes. These votes were solicited and given on the ground that the minority was entitled to one judge. The minority has what it claimed it was entitled to. There is no reason why the majority should give it more. This is a Republican county and if there is any virtue in recognizing the fact that parties ought to have proportionate representation, Judge Carpenter should be elected to succeed himself. But aside from politics, Judge Carpenter's merits as a man and a jurist entitle him to the office.

James H. Torrey—While I expected Judge Carpenter would make a good judge, the maturity of his mind and his fairness, impartiality and promptness of decision far surpassed my expectations, entitled to their votes. T. F. Penman—No Republican can

reasonably excuse himself for not voting to continue Judge Carpenter on the bench. There is no question as to his ability, honesty or regularity, and no question but that the Republicans are entitled to a majority representation. W. W. Lathrop—While I am a Democrat and will vote for my party nominee, Colonel Hitchcock, I will freely say that Judge Carpenter is an ad-



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mirable man and well fitted for the bench.

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Candidate for the Office of County Controller.

County Controller Edward A. Jones, who is a candidate to succeed himself for that now and important office, is peculiarly a man of the people. He comes from the old Jones family at Olyphant, being a nephew of the generally revered and lamented Edward Jones, who was one of the earliest miners and leading citizens of the upper valley.

When a mere boy Controller Jones began work in the old No. 1 breaker at Olyphant. He continued in the mines, climbing from one position to another until he finally became foreman of the Raymond Coal company. This position he resigned to accept the appointment to the controllership. As an evidence of how he was regarded by the men over whom he had charge it is only necessary to mention the big demonstration in his honor conducted by the miners of Archbald, when he

of and completely changing the whole system of the county's accounts. His keen business mind, expert knowledge of bookkeeping and remarkable energy served him well, and as a consequence the day set for the new order of things to go into effect, found him ready for business. The court house officials, one and all, marvelled at the apparatus and speed with which a man who was a



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complete stranger to the county's fiscal affairs, took hold of this big job and carried it out successfully.

It would be very regrettable to every one with a sense of fair play, that Mr. Jones would be deprived of this office just when he had gotten it in running order. However, there will be no occasion for such regret. Mr. Jones' election is assured.

This is the first time for Mr. Jones to go before the people. His known popularity and worth occasioned frequent invitations to him from the party to enter the lists for a county office, but he always declined. Now that he is in the field there is a surprise in store for those not acquainted with his standing in the valley particularly, but also over the whole county. Olyphant and Archbald will cast what can be practically regarded as an unanimous vote for him. Carbondale will give him one of the biggest, if not the very biggest, majorities a Republican county candidate ever secured, and in Scranton, in addition to getting the solid vote of his party, he will have the votes of hundreds of long-standing personal and business friends and other hundreds of new-made friends whom he has won as admirers since his coming to the court house.

On the contrary, he has often been highly complimented for his administration of the office and the tenderness and consideration with which he has treated the people who have been unfortunate enough to become a public charge. Socially he is a pleasant gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to converse, and the governor might go farther and speed worse than in appointing him.

DR. J. J. ROBERTS.

Candidate for the Office of County Coroner.

The candidate for the office of coroner is a man who has had three years of trying experiences in the position, and during that time has been called upon to perform autopsies, hold inquests and conduct some of the most important cases in the history of Lackawanna county. No personal sacrifice was too much for him to make in performing the duties of his office.

Dr. J. J. Roberts was born in Carnarvonshire, North Wales, and was the son of a wealthy land owner there. He received a first-class college education and later took two courses in medicine in a university in Glasgow. In 1883 he came to America to fill an appointment as physician for the workmen at the great stone quarries owned and operated by Hugh W. Hughes, at West Pawlet, Vt.

These quarries are located in New York and Vermont, and Hughes was familiarly known as the "Quarry King." Dr. Roberts' appointment was the first of its kind among quarry owners and corresponded with similar positions held by physicians with the coal mining companies. In 1888 he came to West Scranton and shortly afterwards purchased the good will of the large practice of Dr. H. I. Jones, who departed shortly afterwards for Wales.

Dr. Roberts, by his application and ability, soon increased his practice commensally. He also purchased Dr. Jones' fine residence at 25 South Main avenue, where he and his family have since continued to reside. In 1890 Dr. Roberts took two special courses, one in medicine at the University of Vermont, and the other in surgery at the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia.

He has always been a staunch Republican and is an active member of the West Side Central Republican club, a member of the West Side hospital staff, Lackawanna council, Royal Arcanum, Robert Morris lodge of Iovettes, Knights of Pythias, Hyde Park lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the West Side board of trade.

Dr. Roberts was first nominated for the office of coroner at the Republican county convention held in the county court house on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1898, when the now famous Crawford county rules for conducting primaries were adopted. He was nominated by a large majority.

He was elected on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1899, without a plurality of 1,858 votes, having received a total of 3,800 votes, while Dr. Salry, Democrat, received 2,947; Dr. Trevelton, Prohibitionist, 2,085, and Dr. Szlupas, Socialist Labor, received 173 votes.

Dr. Roberts was the unanimous choice of the Republican party in Lackawanna county for re-election, and was unopposed for the nomination. During his term of office he has performed the duties of coroner with great faithfulness and his acknowledged skill as a physician and surgeon has placed him in the first rank of his profession.

Dr. Roberts is a strong candidate and his friends confidently expect him to receive a much larger majority than he did three years ago.

GEORGE E. STEVENSON.

Candidate for the Office of County Surveyor.

George E. Stevenson, the Republican candidate for county surveyor, has been a lifelong resident of Lackawanna county and a consistent Republican since he first became a voter twenty years ago. He has served the party faithfully and has served the people of the township and borough in which he lived in the offices of school director (for three terms), assessor, justice of the peace and constable for all of which offices he was elected without the solicitation of a vote in his own behalf.

His father, Samuel Stevenson, was a civil engineer, who first came into the Lackawanna valley in the early fifties as one of the engineers on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad then building. George E. Stevenson was educated in the public schools of Abington and at the "Gunery" in Washington, Conn., finishing up at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y. After leaving the university, he decided to follow the profession of his father, and began work in the railroad engineering department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. He assisted in building the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad and the Scranton branch of the Ontario and Western. His work has not been limited to Pennsylvania, however, for he has made railroad and land surveys in New Jersey, New York, Arkansas, New Mexico, Mississippi, etc.

For the past term he has filled the position of county surveyor of Lackawanna county, during which time he originated and installed the present system of irrigating the court house lawn, which has proved so economical and efficient. He has also had a new style of highway bridge adopted by the county commissioners, which replaces the wooden floors of the ordinary "log" bridge with an indestructible steel, concrete and stone floor.

He is an advocate of good roads, and has succeeded in introducing a method of securing them, which is in successful operation in his residence town, Waverly, Pa. The voters of Lackawanna county, of all parties, may feel sure that the duties of the county surveyor's office will be faithfully performed by Mr. Stevenson.

His opponent, M. P. Mitchell, was the Prohibition candidate three years ago, and is the nominee of the Prohibition party today. Why he should be the nominee of the Democratic party we do not know, as he was a Republican prior to his conversion to Prohibition. We believe that the intelligent voters of Lackawanna county of all parties will join in giving Mr. Stevenson an overwhelming majority on Nov. 8 next.



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C. H. SOPER, C. S. WOODRUFF, D. B. REFUGLE, I. H. BURNS, W. S. HUSLANDELL, JOHN M. HARRIS, FRANK P. STOKER, WILLIAM H. ROE, JOSEPH JEFFREYS, H. M. STREETER, GEORGE B. DAVIDSON, JOHN J. MURPHY, LAYTON M. SCHOCH. Judge Carpenter was born in Scott township in this county in 1851. He was educated in the township's schools and after he had completed the pre-

paratory classes. His early life of toil brought him into contact with them, and he knows their needs and sympathizes with their aims and purposes as only a man with such an experience can. For fifteen years Judge Carpenter has been a resident of the Thirtieth ward, and his neighbors and friends who have had an opportunity to know his happy domestic relations, and pure, earnest and helpful life are as laudatory of him as a citizen as are his professional brethren at the bar of his professional standing and learning. When the late Judge Gunster was a



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was announced to be the governor's choice for the new county office. No mine foreman in the Lackawanna valley was better liked than he, and no town was prouder of a distinction coming on one of its citizens than was the town of Archbald upon Mr. Jones' selection for controller.

Having been a miner himself he could appreciate and sympathize with his employes when he became an employer of labor, and as a consequence his relations with his men were always of the most harmonious nature. Upon assuming the office of controller, Mr. Jones was confronted with the perplexing task of taking charge

A reasoned, upright, honest man, such as is Edward A. Jones, is wanted as watch dog of the county's finances. In its Personal and Pertinent column of May 15 last, the Scranton Times had this to say, about Mr. Jones' appointment as county controller:

"Mr. Edward A. Jones is a prominent citizen of Archbald, very well known among the people throughout the county, and exceedingly popular. For ten years and upwards he has been a poor director of the Blakely poor district by appointment of the judges of our county courts and I have never heard any complaint of the manner in which he has performed his duties."